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For	: VOICE/MUSICAL SOUND ENCODING DEVICE AND VOICE/MUSICAL SOUND ENCODING METHOD	

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the mailing of a non-final Office Action of January 28, 2009 in the above-captioned application, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto is extended from April 28, 2009 to July 28, 2009 by a concurrently filed request for a three-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.